

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0039] with the following amended paragraph:

[0039] The object describing unit 104 describes the text object and the picture object input from the ~~dissolving~~dividing unit 102 and the additional object that is input from the additional object adding unit 103 and that indicates the text attribute, respectively into PDF files of in a format conforming to PDF.

Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] The image area extracting unit 101 extracts, from the image data, a rectangular area, as text area, including pixels that form the text, and outputs the coordinate information of the text area and information representing its shape to the ~~dissolving~~dividing unit 102 and the additional object adding unit 103. Fig. 4 is a schematic for illustrating a text area of the image data shown in Fig. 3. Three rectangular areas solidly filled with black are the text areas.

Please replace paragraph [0098] with the following amended paragraph:

[0098] According to the image processing apparatus of one embodiment, in the image processing apparatus that divides image data into objects and converts format into predetermined file format, the apparatus includes an image attribute determining unit that determines image attribute of the image data, an object dividing unit that divides the image data into objects based on a determination result of the image attribute determining unit, and an object describing unit that describes the objects divided by the object ~~dissolving~~dividing unit in predetermined format

and converts the format of the same into the predetermined file format. The object describing unit describes such that an object having predetermined image attribute among the divided objects is linked with an additional object representing attribute information. Therefore, various effects can be obtained by this aspect. For example, the image attribute determined when the image data is formed into a file could be transmitted to a printer driver. Accordingly, the printer driver can perform image processing suitable for the image attribute. With this, the image can be printed out while satisfying both text image quality and picture image quality, and a file in the object description format can be printed out from the printer with high image quality.